

In the Claims:

Please add the following claim:

9. (New) A game machine as set forth in claim 1, in which said notifying states are respectively indicated by numbers, which further comprises storage means for storing variation values each showing relationship between said current notifying state and said subsequent notifying state, whereby said subsequent notifying state determining means is operative to determine and select said subsequent notifying states with reference to a variation value selected by a lottery operation from among said variation values stored in said storage means.

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